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FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY DATT TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF
RESPONSE TO SPANISH UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ROVIRA (REFTEL PARA 3):

A. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF TROOP REINFORCEMENTS BEING
SENT TO THE PROVINCE OF TARAFAYA. THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER,
SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS IN TROOP DISPOSITIONS WITHIN THE
PROVINCE. ROVIRA'S QUESTION MAY WELL HAVE BEEN
STIMULATED BY MOVEMENT ON 17 FEB OF 3D MOROCCAN INFANTRY
BATTALION FROM CITY OF TANTAN TO CITY OF TARAFAYA. BOTH
CITIES, HOWEVER, ARE WITHIN PRONUNCE OF TARAFAYA. IN
ANY EVENT, THE SPANISH ARE FAR BETTER INFORMED THAN WE
ARE ON THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH.

B. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, WE BELIEVE THAT SA-7 (STRELA)
ND SAGGER MISSILE SYSTEMS, AND ADDITIONAL ZU-23 ANTI-AIRCRAFT
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GUNS MAY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED RECENTLY TO AT LEAST SOME

UNITS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN ZONE. AGAIN, THE SPANISH ARE
AWARE OF THIS.
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